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## LOCAL COMPANY HIRES MUSEUM TO RESEARCH REGION'S AVOCADO HERITAGE

SAN BERNARDINO – At Tuesday's board meeting, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Index Fresh, Inc. to allow the County Museum to provide curatorial services in relation to the company's agricultural history. Per the agreement, the County Museum will conduct research and provide a report to Index Fresh detailing preliminary research materials at regional repositories related to the history of the Index Fresh, Inc. organization.

Index Fresh, Inc. has ties to southern California dating back nearly 100 years as a shipper and packer of avocados. Located in the unincorporated community of Bloomington, Index Fresh has been a long standing fixture in the county's agricultural industry.

The Museum will provide a preliminary research report to Index Fresh upon completion of the project. The project will be funded by Index Fresh in the amount up to \$1,800.

"Agriculture remains an important part of our county's economy," said Supervisor Josie Gonzales. "The partnership between Index Fresh and the County Museum will preserve our heritage and promote the local agricultural industry and the many businesses that rely on fresh, delicious produce."

Gonzales added, "As the owner of a restaurant for many years, I purchased nearly all of my produce locally. It was my way of supporting local businesses and allowed me to offer the freshest food possible to my customers."

For more information about the County Museum, please call: 909.307.2669 or visit their website at: <a href="https://www.sbcountymuseum.org">www.sbcountymuseum.org</a>

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